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## Classical Flute and Violin Concert

**Sunday, September 13 @ 2 pm**

Performers, Shawn Wyckoff and Maria Millar will present classical works by Bach, Telemann, Mozart and Dvorak, as well as a sprinkling of Irish and American folk tunes to round out the afternoon.

## Masters of the Celtic Harp

**Wednesday, October 7 @ 7 pm**

A visiting duo from Ireland will be performing native Irish and Scottish tunes and ditties on the Celtic harp. This performance promises to be an amazing evening that will leave you feeling like you're in the Emerald Isle!

## Sinatra: Time After Time

**Sunday, October 25 @ 2 pm**

Singer Karen Luschar takes you on a sentimental journey through the rich heritage of music upon which this incredibly lasting performer made his mark. Many songs could be popular on their own, but Sinatra made them standards and seemed to personalize them for each of us. This show is tied together in a unique way and celebrates the life of this icon and his inimitable style. His music spanned generations and each one found something that spoke to them. Style, influence, number one seller of albums, actor, talent, romance, artist. Add them up and that spells ... Sinatra!

## Library Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Saturday**  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Sunday**  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Upcoming Holiday Closings

**Columbus Day**  
October 12  
**Election Day Nov. 3**  
**Veterans Day**  
November 11  
**Thanksgiving**  
Nov. 26 & 27

## Professional Opera Singer Katrina Saporantos

**Sunday, November 1 @ 2 pm**

Soprano Katrina Saporantos has performed around the world and is an award winning professional singer. Ms. Saporantos has recently received her master of music degree in classical voice performance from the Manhattan School of Music in New York. In her performance, Katrina will be performing music by Amy Beach, Augusto Espino, Richard Wagner, Alfredo Catalani, Giacomo Puccini, Jules Massenet and more.

This is an event not to be missed!



## Autumn Winds

**Sunday, November 15 @ 2pm**

The Autumn Winds is a woodwind quartet featuring flute and clarinet. They will be performing a wide array of classical works.



## Programs for Adults



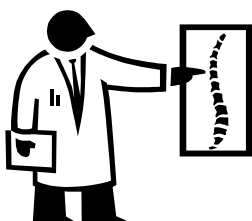
### **Painting with Words: a Poetry and Art Workshop with Doug DePice** **Thursday, November 5, 12, & 19**

By integrating mixed media with the art of poetry and words, explore how collage and writing can be turned into beautiful works of art. You will be working with handmade papers, collage, and pen and ink in this workshop. No experience necessary! This workshop will be instructed by local artist and Secaucus High School teacher Doug DePice. Although not mandatory, it is recommended that you attend all three sessions.

### **Fall Book Swap**

**Saturday, October 17 @ 10 am - 2 pm**

Bring in your gently used books, movies, and CDs and swap them for something new! For every item you bring to the swap, you will be able to choose a different book, movie or CD. We invite all adults and children to participate in this fun event.



### **Back Pain with Dr. McBain of Kipnis Physical Therapy**

**Tuesday, October 27 @ 7 pm**

Back pain expert Dr. Andrew McBain will discuss the common causes of acute and chronic back pain. His discussion will focus on both on prevention and treatment of frequently occurring issues.



### **Wendy's Fundraising for the Library!**

**October 14, 6-9 pm**

Join us at Wendy's on Meadowland Parkway for dinner and help the library at the same time. A portion of Wendy's sales from that night will go to the library! We hope to see you there!

### **Finance for Children**

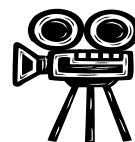
**Tuesday, September 22 @ 7 pm**

NY Life presents a program based on the book Money Doesn't Grow on Trees: a Parents Guide to Raising Financially Responsible Children. This timely program is aimed at helping parents teach their children to be responsible with money, credit and saving.

### **Tuesday Movies**

**Tuesdays @ 1 pm**

Join us each Tuesday for a new movie in the Panasonic meeting room. Refreshments will be served. Check our website or local papers for the month's upcoming films.



# Programs Continued

## Romance Readers Round Table

Tuesday, September 29 @ 7 pm

Talk to fellow romance novel aficionados about favorite books, current trends, and new releases. Join us for book and author recommendations, light snacks, and a chance to win prizes!

## My Favorite Book Night

Tuesday, October 13 @ 7 pm

Sometimes a book is so good that you have to tell other people about it! Here is your chance to tell others about the book or books you've loved, and get their recommendations in return. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their favorite book to show the rest of the group.



## Needleworkers Roundtable

Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidering, quilting, and needlepoint projects! Enjoy good conversation and share your work.  
2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 pm

## Photography Club

This group focuses on the art of photography. Whether you are experienced or novice, all are welcome to participate. Bring work to class.  
4th Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm



## Book Discussion Groups

We invite readers to meet informally to discuss a different book each month. The library will supply the copies of the selected book. Ask at the front desk for the current title.

### Afternoon Book Group

2nd Monday of the month  
1:00 pm

### Evening Book Group

3rd Thursday of the month - 7:00 pm  
Please contact the Director if you are interested in the Evening Book Group.



# Creative Writing Contest for Kids

*Everyone's got a story, what's yours?*

Give us your best fictional short story.

Will it be a mystery, super scary, funny, or sad? You decide!

### Contest Rules

- Contest is for Secaucus students in grades 4-12.
- Submissions should be between 2-4 pages, typed, & titled.
- Contest runs from Monday, Sept. 14 to Friday, October 9
- One winner from each category (grades 4-8 and grades 9-12)
- Please include your name, phone number, and grade.
- Contest will be judged by library staff.
- Stories can be brought to the library or emailed to [secajuv@bccls.org](mailto:secajuv@bccls.org)

Two winners will each receive two tickets to the Giants vs. Cardinals game on Oct. 25

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# Programs and Events for Children



## Movin' and Groovin'

Monday, October 5 @ 3:30 pm

Ages 6 and up

Kipnis Physical Therapy will get you going with their fun exercise program, packed with tips on how to be as active and healthy as you can be!



## Fish Tales and Ocean Odd Balls

Thursday, November 5 @ 11:00 am

Ages 5 and up, please register

Get ready for an undersea show featuring underwater creatures such as the starfish, spiny sea urchin, horseshoe crab, decorator crab, clown knife fish, Amazonian arowana, and the gar. This show will look at these creatures in a hands-on, very interactive way to find the fun facts about these wonderful water creatures.

## Yoga for Babies

Friday, October 23 @ 10:00 am

For walkers to 2 1/2 year old children

Presented by Kulture Kool, this class combines simple yoga poses with engaging songs, puppets, and stories. Children will increase social, sensory and motor skills while increasing flexibility. **Please register.**



## Spooktacular Halloween Magic Show

October 29 @ 3:30 pm

Ages 5 and up

Join us for a spookily-good magic show just in time for Halloween!

**Coming in your costume is encouraged!**



## Lap-Tots

10:00-10:30 am

1st and 3rd Fridays

Ages birth - 2 1/2 years

An interactive program for babies and their caregivers with rhymes, songs, instruments, puppets and more! **Registration is required.**

## Rhyme Time

1:00-2:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday

Ages 2 1/2 - 3 years

A program for children and their caregivers that brings together stories, music, creativity, and socialization skills.

**Space is limited and registration is required.**

## Extended Story Hour

9:15-11:00 am, Mon. & Wed. - Tues. & Thurs.

Ages 3 - 3 1/2

The purpose of the Extended Story Hour program is to introduce children to the wonderful world of libraries. This program will help children develop good listening, social, and motor skills, gain separation from their caregivers, and interact with their peers.

**Space is limited and registration is required.**



## Chess Club for Kids

3:30 - 5:00 pm, ages 7-12

3rd Thursday of the month

Join the Chess Club, learn to play the game and challenge others! Instructor: Peter Croce

## Reading Buddies

3:30 - 4:00 pm, ages 3-7

3rd Friday of the month

Bring your children to the library to be read to by middle and high school volunteers. The students will read to your children and give you a chance to browse through the library.



# December is Children's Art Month

Get your pens, pencils, paints, and imagination ready! All Secaucus children are welcome to display their art at the library throughout the month of December in the Panasonic Meeting Room.



All types of art are welcome

paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, crafts, etc.

Prizes awarded in each grade category: Pre-K & K, 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9<sup>th</sup>, and 10-12<sup>th</sup>

Artwork will be on display from December 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring artwork beginning on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. All pictures and photos must be framed or mounted before being brought to the library. Put name, grade, and phone number on the back of each piece.

Artist reception is Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Children's Art Month is sponsored by the Friends of the Library

## Free Museum Admission for Families

The library now offers family passes to the American Museum of Natural History and the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum for Secaucus residents.

### Visit for FREE!

- The pass is available through first come, first served reservations.
- You must be at least 18 years old and hold a Secaucus Library card in good standing in order to use the pass.
- Deposits are required.
- For more information, contact the office of the Director

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Friends of the Secaucus Library**

## 12th Annual Friends of the Library

### Mini-Fair and Book Sale



Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>



10:00 am - 3:00 pm

(rain date: Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>,

11:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Join us for our biggest event of the year!

Vendors, food, crafts and rides for kids,

free magic show, raffle baskets,

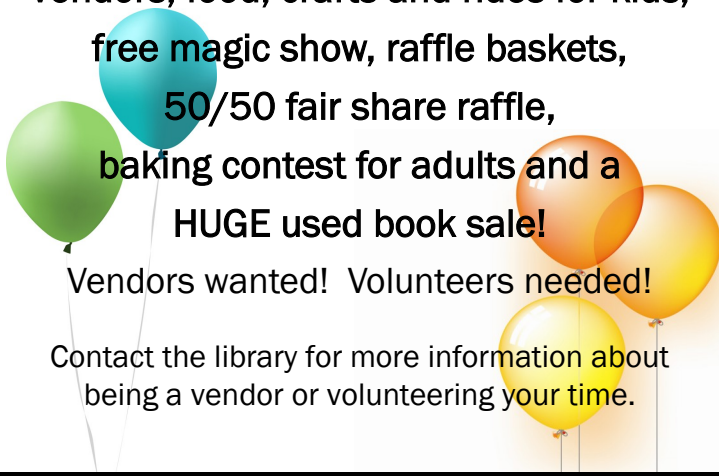
50/50 fair share raffle,

baking contest for adults and a

**HUGE used book sale!**

Vendors wanted! Volunteers needed!

Contact the library for more information about being a vendor or volunteering your time.



# Your Library is Open 24/7

## Tutor.com Service is Now Available for Secaucus Students!

Tutor.com is a one-on-one, online academic tutoring service for Secaucus students in grades K-12. Students receive grade and age appropriate assistance in math, science, English, social studies and writing. When students log on, they will be able to work with a certified tutor in a real time secure online classroom featuring an interactive whiteboard, file-sharing, and chat to work on algebra homework, chemistry concepts, standardized test prep and more. After each session, students can replay and email the session, or print the transcript and whiteboards.

In addition, to the live homework help, students will have access to ProofPoint and the SkillsCenter Resource Library. ProofPoint, allows students and tutors to collaborate in real time on reports, essays and papers. Tutors explain the writing and proofreading process so students learn skills for future assignments. The SkillsCenter Resource Library, features printable worksheets, videos, and sample problems that further a student's comprehension.

Real-time, live homework and tutoring assistance is available **seven days a week from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.** However, students who just want to practice skills and review, the SkillsCenter Resource Library is available 24 hours a day.

Tutor.com is an award winning service and the #1 online homework help and tutoring service available today. This wonderful and exciting addition to the Secaucus Public Library was funded by a generous donation from the **Steven Strobert Foundation.**

To log on, visit our website <http://secaucus.bccls.org> and click on the "Live Homework Help" link. You will need to enter your Secaucus library card number when logging in.



## Learning Express Library

Whatever your goal, LearningExpress Library's resources will help you succeed. LearningExpress Library is an online test-preparation and skill-building database for every age. Students from elementary age to those in the work place can benefit from the skill building and test-preparation available. Below is a list of all learning centers offered from LearningExpress Library.

To log on, visit our website, <http://secaucus.bccls.org> and click on the LearningExpress Library logo. You will need to register the first time you visit with your Secaucus library card. If you have any questions, please contact the library.

<b>Elementary School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math skills improvement</li> <li>Reading skills improvement</li> </ul>	<b>College Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACT</li> <li>SAT</li> <li>AP preparation</li> <li>CLEP</li> <li>CUNY Skills Assessment Test</li> <li>PSAT/NMSQT</li> <li>THEA preparation</li> <li>TOEFL iBT preparation</li> </ul>	<b>GED Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GED practice exams</li> <li>GED preparation courses</li> <li>GED skills improvement</li> <li>Spanish-language GED prep</li> </ul>	<b>Jobs &amp; Careers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Traffic Controller</li> <li>Civil Service</li> <li>CDL</li> <li>Cosmetology</li> <li>Electrical</li> <li>Emergency Medical Services</li> <li>Firefighter</li> <li>Law Enforcement</li> <li>Military</li> <li>Nursing and Allied Health</li> <li>Plumbing</li> <li>Real Estate</li> <li>Teaching</li> <li>Skill building for adults</li> </ul>
<b>Middle School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math skills improvement</li> <li>Reading comprehension skills</li> <li>Writing skills improvement</li> <li>High school entrance exams</li> </ul>	<b>College Students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math and reasoning skills</li> <li>Reading comprehension</li> <li>Vocabulary and spelling</li> <li>Writing and grammar skills</li> <li>Graduate School Entrance Exam</li> <li>Technical and career college skills</li> </ul>	<b>Workplace Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business writing</li> <li>Job search, resumes and interviewing</li> </ul>	
<b>High School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math skills improvement</li> <li>Reading comprehension skills</li> <li>Vocabulary and spelling skills</li> <li>Writing and grammar skills</li> </ul>		<b>US Citizenship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Citizenship preparation</li> </ul>	
		<b>Recursos para Hispanohablantes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mejora de las habilidades de lectura y escritura</li> <li>Mejora de las habilidades matematicas</li> </ul>	

# Recommended Reading and More!

## 2009 Award Winning Books

### ALA Notable Books for Fiction

*The Hakawati* by Rabih Alameddine  
*The Wasted Vigil* by Nadeem Aslam  
*Peace* by Richard Bausch  
*City of Thieves: a novel* by David Benioff  
*The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich  
*Atmospheric Disturbances* by Rivka Galchen  
*Unaccustomed Earth: stories* by Jhumpa Lahiri  
*Dangerous Laughter* by Steven Millhauser  
*Resistance* by Owen Sheers  
*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Stout  
*The Ginseng Hunter* by Jeff Talarigo

### New York Times Notable Books

*American Wife* by Curtis Sittenfeld  
*Bass Cathedral* by Nathaniel Mackey  
*Beautiful Children* by Charles Bock  
*Beijing Coma* by Ma Jian  
*A Better Angel* by Chris Adrian  
*Black Flies* by Shannon Burke  
*The Blue Star* by Tony Earley  
*The Boat* by Nam Le  
*Breath* by Tim Winton  
*Dear American Airlines* by Jonathan Miles  
*Diary of a Bad Year* by J. M. Coetzee  
*Dictation* by Cynthia Ozick  
*Elegy* by Mary Jo Bang  
*The English Major* by Jim Harrison  
*Fanon* by John Edgar Wideman  
*The Finder* by Colin Harrison  
*Fine Just the Way it is* by Annie Proulx  
*The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti  
*Half of the World in Light* by Juan Herrera  
*His Illegal Self* by Peter Carey  
*Home* by Marilynne Robinson  
*Indignation* by Philip Roth  
*The Lazarus Project* by Aleksandar Hemon  
*Legend of a Suicide* by David Vann

### Booklist Editors' Choice

*The Black Tower* by Louis Bayard  
*Come with me to Babylon* by Paul M. Levitt  
*Driftless* by David Rhodes  
*Entrantress of Florence* by Salman Rushdie  
*Ester's Inheritance* by Sandor Marai  
*The Gargoyle* by Andrew Davidson  
*The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane  
*The House of Widows* by Askold Melnyczuk  
*Kieron Smith, Boy* by James Kelman  
*A Partisan's Daughter* by Louis De Bernieres  
*People of the Whale* by Linda Hogan

*Lush Life* by Richard Price  
*A Mercy* by Toni Morrison  
*Modern Life* by Matthea Harvey  
*A Most Wanted Man* by John Le Carre  
*My Revolutions* by Hari Kunzru  
*Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill  
*Opal Sunset* by Clive James  
*The Other* by David Guterson  
*Our Story Begins* by Tobias Wolff  
*The Road Home* by Rose Tremain  
*The Sacred Book of the Werewolf* by Viktor Pelevin  
*School on Heart's Content Road* by Carolyn Chute  
*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* by Simon Armitage  
*Sleeping it off in Rapid City* by August Kleinzahler  
*Telex from Cuba* by Rachel Kushner  
*2666* by Roberto Bolano  
*The Unfortunates* by B. S. Johnson  
*When Will There be Good News* by Kate Atkinson  
*The Widows of Eastwick* by John Updike  
*Yesterday's Weather* by Anne Enright \*



# Mango Languages Online Learning

Mango Languages is an easy to use and effective language learning tool focusing on everyday conversation. This program provides step by step lesson plans for nine different languages.

## Languages Included:

- Spanish
- English
- Mandarin Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek
- Italian
- Japanese
- Brazilian Portuguese
- Russian

## How to Access Mango Languages

Log-on to our website <http://secaucus.bccls.org> and click on the Mango Languages logo. You will need a valid Secaucus Library card in order to use Mango from home.

## Mango Account

You have the option of setting up an account or using Mango without an account. When you set up an account, Mango will remember your language courses and keep track of your progress as you finish each lesson. To get started without registering for an account just click on *Start Learning Now* under *Skip Login* on the Mango start page.

## English as a Second Language

Mango currently has three ESL programs for learning English with more to be added later this year.

- **Spanish, Polish, and Brazilian Portuguese**



## Literacy Link by Louise Rittberg, Literacy Coordinator

Materials in the Literacy Section of the library continue to be updated to accommodate the needs of those wanting to improve their grammar and writing skills and those wanting to learn English. A number of the useful tools in this section incorporate "listening" aids to match reading materials. These materials include written stories, accompanied by recorded versions, that help learners hear the pronunciation of new words and match them with their written counterparts so that they can be recognized the next time they are seen. Many of these materials, however, include recordings that are on cassette tapes, which are no longer the preferred form of technology used today. To address the increased use of "21<sup>st</sup> Century learning," the library has purchased new materials for the Literacy Section that include more "interactive" learning on DVDs and CDs. Visit the library and check out the new materials.

### Contact Us

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Jenifer D. May, Director

### Board of Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 pm

### Artist of the Month

**September** Liron  
**October** Lissane Lake

Please view their work in the  
Panasonic Meeting Room.

### Visit Our Website

<http://secaucus.bccls.org>

Find a wealth of information on our website. Use the online catalog, check your card, view upcoming programs and events, reference resources, register for programs, log on to our databases, find homework help links for children and teens, and much more!

**New events and features are  
being added all the time  
so check our site often!**